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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1919.

THE NEGRO AND ORGANIZATIONS

time and get him nowhere.

No one can deny this existence existence and the scores springing up constantly. But this multiplicity of organizations is no surprise when we consider the limited and inferior experience of the race, its peculiar temperament and its peculiar environtion and methods of procedure are based on facts, no doubt; but an atoning feature is the motive be-

gress. The termination to accomplish personnel termination to accomplish termination to accompl est of the race, clannishness, emegotist to shine,

ures, and there will be among us and better organization for

ancient and modern nations that orvery much or anything at all or are changed into one of a few stronger

-Louisville Leader.

A few days ago we were called oon to settle an argument as to bother Napoleon or Plate ether Napoleon or Plato was the ater man. We answered then and oass it on to you now that the question was more than debatable, it could never be permanently decided. We advised the principals in the de-bate to think of things more modern and more productive of practical reer to discuss the Federal Land past from existence. Debates supposed to be productive of good than the mere develop ent of the powers of speech and hetoric. Live questions in debate and useful information in present useful in far more beneficial life. It is far more beneficial life. It is far more beneficial life. learn to estimate one's income in terms of five figures than to spout the sayings of Epictetus and the Odes of Horace by the hour. It is productive of more food to be able to tell how you make your bank ac-mits. We contend that it is far not say however that their philos mate their value to present gener us in the least. We only advishat when time is to be spent in shate, it be spent in a way calcu-sted to bring practical, visible re-

It is better to make your job grow to your estimate of what it should be than to your estimate of what it should be then to try to grow to till it after you have obtained it.

One institution which gives em-ployment to one Negro man or boy is worth the days spent in trying to

It is better to throse the pleasure "fast nights" than to feel the terroes of "rainy day."

It is better to back your at then to accept the bidding WHOEVER FIGHTS, WHOEVER FAILS, JUSTICE CONQUORS EVERMORE, JUSTICE AFTER AS BEFORE AND HE WHO BATTLES ON HER SIDE, GOD, THOUGH HE WERE TEN TIMES SLAIN, CROWNS HIM VICTOR GLORIFIED, VICTOR OVER DEATH AND PAIN.

-Emerson.

THE PATRIOTIC REPUBLICANS OF TEXAS.

The meeting of the Negro Republican leaders of the State of Texas last Friday morning appeals to us as the beginning of great and widespread activity in the coming 1920 election. The resolutions drawn up are timely and represent the best judgement of those who know. Realizing that direct action will not begin till after the meeting of the State Republican Committee it is needless to attempt to discuss the majority of these resolutions. We only desire to call attention to the injunction to which belong to all men as a hereach Republican voter to pay his poll tax or secure his exemption certificate itage and that no clan of Buccaneers for his own protection and in order that when the "counting of heads" is or unholy alliance of pirates will be taken the ranks may be complete.

The issues in the 1920 election will be many and hard fought and in Texas especially they bid fair to claim the entire time and attention of ernment. all classes and kinds of "political specialists." It is the duty of every man to see that he is ready when the day of choice shall come to stop forward be 'by "Jack' and men whose ideas unhampered in the performance of his political duty.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESENT LABOR TROUBLES TO THE NEGRO.

In the course of human events it becomes more apparent that a demo cratic form of government can survive only among intelligent and honest in the Federal Constitution for God

The nations of the world have been admitted into the secret laboratories wherein government are manufactured and they are now no longer sacred to the powers of the States, and cal-to make the same observation on what it costs to outrage the Negro race Missouri, 700,000; Kansas, 100,000; Missouri, 100,000; Missou to the common herd which has stood attention and seen governments made XII to the Judiciary and the electand destroyed. The most despotic government of modern times-Russia-

succumbed to the-Bolshevists.

humbled to the dust and democracy now sits in her once proud palaces, agree that those enactments were Verily the common peoples of all lands are coming into their own. The the greatest and most powerful Phagreat question that causes even the most radical leader to hestitate and lanx ever hurled against Autocracy. turn pale is, where shall all this end? The heavy hand of the government how the chitlings sputter, and how has been feared and obeyed in the ages past. But the people in a deniety bave learned that they are the government! They seem to think it feast fit for the gods, Jack will rehas been feared and obeyed in the ages past. But the people in a demo- earnestly the Harpies stand around optional with them whether they shall obey the government they have fuse to be nimble, to kiss the hand created or destroy it and established another as Russians are doing at that smites him or bow to the de- properly. present. This is democracy gone to seed. It is a well known fact among mands of other than the behests of those who are versed in the lore of government that democracy is yet in the party. its swaddling clothes. It has not yet emerged scarcely beyond the experimental stage. In infancy it gives promise of great hope. The mature value to the Republican party and about the Negro and his organiza- stage of its development, however may bring forth conditions detrimental received his lesson in return than tions. He is being told that he has to human welfare. For instance, a contest between classes, the rich and any other people who claim allegitoo many organizations, that they the poor or capital and labor if you will have it, when it comes to the ance to it. overlap duplicate, that they are poor- enactment of laws the balance of power must rest with the poor. It would ly formed and that they waste his appear as if the poor must rule. If the rich become impotent and the poor are incapable of guiding the commercial and financial affairs of the government into a safe haven, what must be the result? The Holy Scriptures

reat number of organizations teach us "if the blind lead the blind they both shall fall into the ditch."

If the majority must rule and that majority is incompetent when If the majority must rule and that majority is incompetent what must in their days, but for insinuating the the dire consequences? The only safety for a democracy is the into be the dire consequences? The only safety for a democracy is the intelligence and honesty of its constituents. If it does not possess both of those qualifications, disaster must eventually claim its own.

The majority in America belong to the laboring classes. Their intel-office seekes and pie hunters.

J. T. HARRIS ligence and honesty is not wholly established. Their honesty especially ment. The charges of super abundance, of duplication, of wasted time has not been proven beyond peradventure. In the consideration of the and energy, of ineffective organiza- honesty of organized labor, we speak of them particularly because it lure are would appear that they are destined to make a most formidable effort to dictate the policy of this government at present. It would appear that nd these organizations—the pur-they are a sworn enemy to capital. They show that they have little re-sess that brings them into being, gard for public welfare when their own interest is at stake. They have This purpose is fundamentally the in time past refused to open to the timid knock of their black brother consciousness of the race that it must in distress. They have refused to labor side by side with their white brother together for protection and proer who refused to be initiated into their mystic circle. Since their organithings which handleap and zations have invaded all industries they have become drunk wth power and rocedure, a vague conception of the supreme court. The public stands aghast and wonders what manner and a vague knowledge of the of man is this? Surely this unboly thing situation, impatience for results, the opportunity and freedom? Indeed it was not it was imported and situation of self above race and the European beds of fermentation. It is the direct result of a far too rapid determination to accomplish personal assimilation of the foreign element and the alienation of the black American. assimilation of the foreign element and the alienation of the black American. The black American today would regard it as perfect God-send to pick up reduced the condition of the Texas phasis upon oratory and parliamen- the remunerative jobs so ruthelessly cast aside by these hyphenated Americans. These same striking foreigners will eventually convince the American dition now being 46 per cent of a people of the value and efficiency of the Negro as a faithful and trustworthy normal compared with 52 last month. and the disposition of cans. These same striking foreigners will eventually convince the American help. They will establish the fact that the efficiency of the laborer and intelligence and race interest, neces-sity and pressive will gradually elim-not the color of his skin shall determine the place he shall occupy in the inate all of these objectionable feat-development of American industries. These same turbulent never-satisfied development of American industries. These same turbulent never-satisfied non-contract-keeping foreigners will accomplish that which centuries of efficient and non-complaining service rendered the American employer by the en the experience of both Negro has falled to do. They will convince public opinion that the Negro workmen with proper training and sympathy has no rival either in efficiency nor reliability. These are the truths that the present labor troubles will bring to the American people. The benefits that will accrue to the Negro race by such knowledge being brought home in such a forcible manner to the American public constitutes the significance of the present labor

You are wondering whether or not the War Time Prohibition Act will pass out of existance soon enough to allow just one little wet spell before the Prohibition Amendment becomes effective. The wondering means wasted time and mental energy. In our opinion there will be "no such animal." America seems to be threatened with a long unbroken drouth which to our way of thinking will result in a greater and ever increasing number of better homes and larger bank acounts, happy children and contented wives. This will be especially true of people not because they are as a race harder Bank or the proposed introduction of compulsory military training than drinkers than others but primarily because their economic condition is rates and that host of sages such that small waste means large suffering,

troubles to the Negro race.

Let's try to forget that the guest of honor or the speaker just introduced is "old so and so" who got arrested ten years ago for something; If he has changed and is on his feet push him forward. don't shove him the other way by bringing up some harmful ancient history which can do nothing but damage. Be charitable above all things. You can never tell when your time may come and then too you should be asbamed to let the world know that you have a soul so small.

Equality of opportunity is all that a real man asks and sometimes he does not even stop to ask for that, he simply goes on and accomplishes in spite of inequalities.

"Fast money" usually pays for trifles and whims, but commerce and ndustry are maintained by steady production and constant saving,

A renter is at the mercy of his landlord. A property owner in his own ome fears no eviction.

The position which you create for yourself is sure. The one which nother makes for you may give out.

is trying to crawl back to the level

The satisfaction of "putting over" a proposition is greater than the proition itself.

With Apologies to the late W. E. KING

The pot is boiling the chitlings are sputtering and the Harpies are standing around in pleasant anticipation of a glorious political feast. But it will not be as in the past, "Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jumped over the candle stick while we feast." Jack has realized that after fighting to preserve the tenents of the constitution and to perpetuate himself in history, as a man and patriot it is time he was demanding those God given rights permitted to drive him from the party of Freemont, Lincoln and Gov-

If there is drying to be done, it will and knowledge of political science conforms to the ideals of Republicanism, comprehends the freedom and liberty of all men regardless of "color or previous conditions."

These are in a nutshell, the fundamentals of the Republican party, a lation and written more amendments one nigger could cause so much HELL as all this?" and humanity's sake than all other parties since its adoption.

The first ten amendments ion of President and Vice-president, while the 13th, 14th and 15th refer

No matter then how the pot boils, anticipation of enjoying a

Yet the world will admit that the

This does not however, destroy the principles of the party, but on the contrary exhibits obviously the greed and injustice of man. This element of ingratitude has come down through the ages, Judas, Simon Magus and Benedict Arnold inherited this malady angels incarnate, in comparison to the Texas Republican Council of

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU CROP ESTIMATES.

The Texas Cotton Crop.

te of the con-

By F. N. Gray, Texas Cotton Crop mates, United States Department our justly human ambitions. of Agriculture.

Torrential rains and summer temperatures in October, have materially Cotton Crop, since date of last re-Excessive and almost continuous rains fell over a greater part of the cotton growing area of the State, especially over the eastern half, where the condition had already been much reduced, because of insect ravages. These rains were particularly heavy in the center and north districts. causing streams to inundate lands cotton to sprout in the bolls and open cotton to be beaten from the plant and to decay upon the ground. In the west half of the State, however, composed mostly of the west center and northwest districts, where the condition last month was within 15 per cent of a normal, condition of normal, has now been attained, despite the rains, which have affected these districts also, but only to the extent of damaging or low ering the grades of the staple. gain in condition being attributable to uninterrupted growth, freedom from insect ravages and lateness of frost, which had not as yet affected

any part of the Texas cotton crop. Picking over the entire State had been very much delayed by the con-The estimate above has been made

in consequence of the following resi-"Resolved by the Senate and House Representatives of the United States, of America in Congress as-sembled, that the Secretary of Agriculture is here authorized and directed to prepare and publish not later than November 2, 1919, a supplemental estimate of the cotton crop as of

date of October 25, 1919." Inasmuch as similar reports have not been made regularly in the past, no comparison of the condition on October 25 this year can be made dition on same date in past years, and can afford no basis of a it all. We must keep some of it, indeed we must! forecast of production.

A review of the monthly condition figures this year for Texas and the ten year averages, are shown below: May 25, 26, ten year average 26, 69, ten year average July 25, 67, ten year average 76; August 25, 61, ten year average 65; September 25, 52, ten year average

Northwest-8 per cent of crop. North-17 per cent of crop, Con-Northeast-13 per cent of crop-Condition 46. Center-31 per cent of Enst-7 tion 24.

dition 22.

THE MIRROR OF **PUBLIC OPINION** 

WHAT IT COSTS TO LYNCH A NEGRO.

Omaha is a good mustration. But it was not a "race riot" in Omaha the newspapers to the contrary notwithstanding,-not unless we choose to call it a race riot simply because the mob was bent on lynching a Negro prisoner who was in the hands of white officers. The riot was between white people,—the mob and the officers of the law. The Negro population was not in it, but was at home grimly waiting, of course, thinking that was not in it, but was at home grimly waiting, of course, thinking that the mob might turn to them at any time. The only Negro in the affair was the prisoner of the state, sitting on the fifth floor in the great court house.

The mob, being unable to overcome the determined opposition of the vember 2, the opening day was obmayor and the police, finally resorted to the cowardly tactics of setting fire to the court house. Some traitor to the law within the courthouse Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas is thought to have dropped a note from a window telling the mob on which and Oklahoma, and a vast floor the Negro would be found. The mayor and his men, with a prisoner men and women workers began the in their hands, fought for civilized law till the last.

The mayor was hanged, almost to death, three white men were killed and 60 wounded, the court house was burned so that it will cost a million nominations, referred to the humandollars in taxes to repair it, and the great annual carnival was clied off. itarian attributes of the Red Cross This carnival is one of the greatest events of Omaha's annual history and in sermons prepared especially for brings hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city. The merchants and in some instances, augmented the usbusiness men had put their money into it this year, as usual, and it was ual morning and evening devotional all lost; all the parades and floats were paid for to no purpose. Nothing services. but the closing ball was permitted to take place. Some of the business men were so humiliated that they wept for the shame of Omaha.

One white man who was going along the streets later, discussing the terest in the drive that augus well affairs with a companion, gave crude but effective expression to the whole for its successful conclusion. The situation, when he came into sight of the ruined court house, whose restoration will burden the taxpayers, and when he considered all the shut-down the nation-wide campaign has for its party which has enacted more legis- of the carnival and of business,-he said: "Who would have thought that objective the attainment of 20,000,000

And that is the philosophy of whole thing: it costs to wrong a man, even a helpiess man, in a civilized state. For civilization must either live and state quotas have been assigned or die with ts weakest elements. Will American civilization some day have on this basis. The quotas follow: assuming that he was a criminal, although the mob made it impossible for Oklahoma, 400,000. that to be proved.) This Negro was already securely in the hands of the Red Cross organization, which slowly Most powerful military government of all ages—Germany—has been specially to freedom, citizenship and law,—that is, in the hands of white men, and would have gotten "all that has been mobilizing for months, ready the right to vote. All governments was coming to him" and then some—but instead of letting this Negro suffor the job in hand. In a manner was coming to him" and then some,-but instead of letting this Negro suf- for the job in hand. In a manner fer by himself, if he must, we now have white folks losing several million that recalls vividly the war-time endollars, paying heavier taxes, with one hundred and thirty white men in women workers magically have apjail without bail, many of them headed straight for the penitentiary for peared in each city, town and county, long terms. All this and more, -the self-respect and humiliation of their to solicit memberships. A house-tocivilization. And the Negro whom they were determined to deny whatever house canvass is now being carried small benefit their own laws might have given him, is no deader than he would have been if they had let the State or the God of Heaven kill him

To oppress a man is expensive-to the oppressors.

-Boston Chronicle.

THE TURN OVER.

"Come, let us reason together." This expression is radical and revolutionary, but it will be reasonable, patriotic and just. We must call "a spade firmly upon a peace basis a spade," and we must give the ox-cart for the air plane, if we expect to organizations will observe a "Red arrive on time.

Letting by-gones be by-gones, we have to hand the palm to "Mr. Fred" meaning the crafty, clever white man, for he has had a long and happy ings, at which speakers will tell the time of keeping the wool pulled over our eyes. His gain-in affluence, culIn many cases motion pictures illusture, property, finance and political power—has been our loss; let's be trative of its work will be shown. good sport and forget the past, BUT FROM NOW ON, FOLKS, We ARE Judas and Simon and Arnold were SITTING RIGHT UP WITH HIM, and don't you forget it! The marvel of the world is: How the American white been able to get away with this hu- rines have enlisted in large numbers man highway robbery, this economic piracy for so long a time, and so for the manifold comforts and ser-

There are 15,000,000 of our group in this good "land of the free and Cross. As members of the American and home of the brave." At an estimates average income per week, per Legion and as individuals, thousands and home of the brave." At an estimates average income per week, per of returned "Yanks" and "gobs" will become volunteer carvassers for Red OF per week in good old United States coin, that comes into our hands. Take Cross memberships during Roll Call, away one third, or even one-half the amount, if you wish to be conservative, up to its close, on Armistice Day, and there is yet the tremendous sum of \$75,000,000 left us to TURN OVER. d there is yet the tremendous sum of \$75,000,000 left us to TURN OVER. ans of the world war are directing Now, let us consider this turn over. How much of the amount is turn-

ed over in our own hands among our own business folk in buying even the be in uniform. sities of life? Throughout the entire country, not five p dition on Oct. 25, 1919, as Directed the amount, Great head of the church, what is the trouble?

Before seven days roll around, ninety-five per cent of all our weekly income, throughout the country, is back in the hands of the people who stay Specialist, Bureau of Crop Esti- our progress with the hand of oppression, and who ridicule and denounce

> God grant that we may right now make up And from co-operative business combinations That will keep at least fifty per cent of The turn over within our own ranks for at Least thirty days at a time. What a tremendous Power that will give us. Do it now.

Our men are back from France, they made good, the world knows; out women measured up to the demands of the hour in the work of war, at even laborers, will speak in behalf home and abroad. Let's all get to work for the duties of peace. There of the Red Cross during Roll Call should not be a community in the land where we live in large, or even Week. small numbers, where there is not a demand for our progressive young men and young women as clerks, stenographers, book-keepers, managers and superintendents; where there should not be a combination for the productton of things, out of the soil and by manufacture; where there should not be stores of all kinds opened in the sections where we live, and keep the money we earn, within the race. Will we do it?

There is not a community in the land but where There are scores of white people who have fattened Their purses on our money, money that we should Have invested in business and made openings for our Sons and daughters. Are we going to stop that foolishness now?

There are many white business men, who out of fairness of mind or cleverness, meet us half way, if the pressure is strong enough. They will give employment to some of our people. There are not too many of these. The most sickening sight in our national existence, however, is that class of whites who grow rich from our money, refuse to employ any of our program of the Red Cross. \*
people, get top heavy with prosperity, move away, and then look on us with Third Red Cross Roll Call, Nov. contempt. Are we going to let this practice continue forever?

It is our opinion that there is now in process a wonderful turn over on the "Turn Over." Evidence points to it from all sections and all sources. Gigantic co-operative combinations involving hundreds of thousands, and earn millions of dollars are being formed. Our banks and insurance companies, and a few other lines of business, have absorbed a tremendous amount of our national mis-directed energy. Their achievements are only the beginning of tremendous things to follow. Fear of investment has vanished: confidence has taken the sullen place of skepticism. There may, and will be failures, and there may be an occassional fraud, but these will be as lcanization bill Senator Kenyon said nothing compared to the mighty losses of the past, and the gains in opportunity and wealth will far off set all losses. From the larger view-point, we have all to gain and nothing to lose. The other fellow has been getting

(Nashville, Tenn., Banner)

News comes from the Mississippi delta of co-operation among Negroes in that region in buying large tracts of land. They are aided in this operation by Federal fand loans. In time Negro Farmers may become largely segregated, in communities of that kind, but the establishment of an exclusive Negro state is hardly practicable. The movement would be strongly opposed by the white farmers of the South who need the Negro labor and of America. prefer it "to any other.

BUYING UP THE SOUTH

(New Orleans, Times-Picayune)

A striking commentary on the Negro riots in Chicago, Omaha, Washington and other cities in the North is carries in the news which comes from Humphreys County, Miss., where twenty-five Negro farmers paid \$224,000 for a plantation of 3,000 acres. The plantation will be divided into farms and cultivated separately. The fact that these Negroes have been so prosperous that they have been able to lay down the money needed to make this purchase is significant of their industry and the favorable condictions under which they have lived in the South.

DRIVE OPENING MARKED BY "RED CROSS SUNDAY

First Reports to Each State Headquarters Indicate Success of Cam-

WAR-TIME ENTHUSIASM OF LAST YEAR REVIVED.

With the inception of the Third Red Cross Roll Call, Sunday, Nothousands of churches throughout task of garnering Red Cross memberships for the coming year.

Clergymen, in pulpits of all dethe occasion and Red Cross tributes,

Preliminary reports reaching came paign managers in each state indicate an increasing volume of inis set at 2,000,000 members, while members. Officials in charge of the drive expect the Southwestern Divis-700,000: Kansas, 400,000

The opening of the drive found the thusiasm of a year ago uniformed

Women Workers Re-enlisting. Groups of women whose services were rendered so generously during the war have re-enlisted. Canteen workers, nurses and nurses' aids motor transport crops workers, surgical dressing workers, knitters and gament workers, all are asked to extend their efforts again to the ut-

Cross" day during Roll Call week by special luncheons, dinners and meet-

most to help establish the Red Cross

former Fighters Help. Returned soldiers, sailors and mavices provided for them by the Red

ermission has been granted to all present and former Red Cross workers to wear their regulation Red Cross uniforms while engaged in campaign work. This permission applies to all nurses, foreign service workers, field service directors, canteen, motor corps and chapter workers.

One of the most remarkable mobilizations of speaking talent that has ever volunteered for an effort of this kind will go into action for the duration of the drive. Former American ambassadors, high Army offi-cers, Cabinet officials, a flying squadron of Red Cross overseas nurses and other workers, State Governors, members of Congress, clergymen, editors, business men, returned fighters and

General Pershing to Speak. Foremost among those who have volunteered is General Pershing. Others are Former Ambassador to Ger-many, James W. Gerard, and former Ambassador to Turkey. Abram I. Elkus. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has consented to give whatever spare moments he has to making Red Cross appeals, and other members of the Cabinet are being called upon.

Women of national prominence are out on speaking tours for the Roll Call, notably Miss Mabel T. Boardman, of the Central Committee of the American Red Cross, Mrs. Larz Anderson of Boston, and Dr. Esther C. Lovejoy of Portland, Oregon, Red Cross nurses, many of them decorated for bravery overseas, are speaking in the interests of the peace-time health 2-11.

EIGHT MILLIONS HERE DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH Fifty-Five Per Cent of Number Ave Native Born According To Senator Kenyon.

Washington, Nov. 13 .- In presenting a report from the Committee on Education and Labor on the Amerthere were over \$,000 000 in this country over ten years of age who can neither read, write nor speak the English language and at least 55 per cent, of them are native born, The bill was reported by the Committee following its investigation of the steel strike in the course of which the members personally visited parts of the Pittsburg district.

Senator Kenyon said the spirits of darkness in this country that were determined to overshow the government mistook the spirit and purpose

"America will not hestitate to died with them with all iron hand," said the Senator. 'America will not tol-erate anarchy. But America must awaken to the dangers and America must not falter or equivicate. An awakened nation of over 102,000,000 does not propose that a few tuncred thousand anarchicts and boishevists shall overthrow this nation of hope and this land of opportunity.

He believed Americant wion would help get rid of these impossible ofpracters and help solve the problems of labor and capital.